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March 24, 2008

**Crack Reduction - Status Report
Motion to Reduce Sentence
Motion for Appointment of Counsel**

The Honorable J. Frederick Motz
United States District Judge
United States Courthouse
101 W. Lombard Street
Chambers 5A
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

Re: *United States v. Derrick Shrieves*
No. JFM-03-093

Dear Judge Motz:

Please accept and docket this letter as a status report, Motion for Appointment of Counsel, and Motion to Reduce Sentence in the above-captioned case. The U.S. Probation Office has reviewed Mr. Shrieves's case and determined that he is eligible to seek a reduced sentence under 18 U.S.C. § 3582. According to the amended calculations submitted by U.S. Probation, Mr. Shrieves's sentence could reduce from 72 months to 57 months. Mr. Shrieves's estimated release date is November 18, 2009. A fifteen month reduction should move his release date up about 13 months (to around October 2008).¹ A fifteen month reduction in sentence should also make him eligible for placement in a half-way house in the next month or so.

¹ The estimated release date would not move up the full amount of the sentence reduction because of the way in which BOP calculates good time credits.

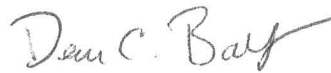
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The government would have received a copy of the amended calculations from U.S. Probation, dated March 5, 2008, and hopefully will have available to it all the information necessary to state whether it opposes this motion for a reduction in sentence.

I also request that the Court appoint my Office to represent Mr. Shrieves who has expressed a desire for representation in this matter. There does not appear to be any conflict that would prevent my Office from representing him.

I would be happy to provide the Court with whatever additional information it may need in this case.

Very truly yours



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